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Re: Meetings With Native Hawaiians and Federal Officials On Reconciliation  
Process To Take Place in December

Aloha mai, Mr. Berry:

My name is William Ko'omealani Amona and I am a kanaka maoli (a real person) (native Hawaiian) and a beneficiary of Public Law 103-150, November 23, 1993.

I hereby submit (a) my answers to your questions about myself, the organization I represent, the name and mission of the organization, its membership and address and the "topics I would like to address" (on December 10 and 11, 1999); (b) my testimony and comments on the four (4) pre-selected "issue areas" you have described in your above questionnaire for the panel discussion on Friday, December 10, 1999; and (c) my testimony and comments on the pre-selected "issue areas" of the "Reconciliation Process" and "Political Relationship" scheduled for Saturday, December 11, 1999.

(a) My answers to your questionnaire:

1. My name is **William Ko'omealani Amona**.  
My address is **2309 Mamane Place; Honolulu, Hawai'i 96822**  
Daytime phone number is **(808) 946-9401**  
Fax number is **(808) 942-4864**  
E-mail address (none)
2. I will be representing a "**Native Hawaiian organization**".
  - a. The name of my organization is **'Ohana Holo'oko'a**.
  - b. Our mission is to **redirect the American paradigm of control and greed in regards to kanaka maoli sovereignty and the restoration of all of our land, natural resources, our culture, and our identity as the indigenous people of Ka pae'aina o Hawai'i, as God ordained.**
  - c. Our organization is large enough and with God's leadership, it is large enough to achieve **pono** (goodness, righteous, perfect order, moral acceptance) and with your cooperation, we will achieve our goals.
  - d. Our organization's address is the same as my address above.

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3. I will be giving testimony of three (3) minutes, as set by you, on all the "issue areas" which you pre-selected for Friday, December 10, 1999, and the two (2) "issue areas" which you also pre-selected for Saturday, December 11, 1999.

**(b) My testimony on the four (4) "issue areas" for December 10, 1999, is as follows:**

Your unilateral selection of the four (4) "issue areas" which native Hawaiians are concerned with, to-wit: (1) N.H. Health and Education; (2) N.H. Housing; (3) N.H. Culture and Economic Development; and (4) (Native Hawaiian) Land and Natural Resources; is a good start because in the first three "issue areas", hereinafter "ia", it is a fact that we are at the bottom of the heap in the ia's of **health and education; housing; culture and economic development**, and the statistics will prove it, time permitting.

As to the ia of **land and natural resources**, we are homeless in our own country and the State of Hawai'i is doing everything in its power to separate us from all of our natural resources by making laws favorable to non-kanaka maoli people who have the money to make the land produce more money for the state and for themselves. Thank you for beginning the process of reconciliation with the ias of land and God's resources of nature which were originally ordained for us kanaka maoli or native Hawaiians, only to be stolen by you, as the representative of the United States, and your creation, the State of Hawai'i.

Now that the process has begun, please allow me to suggest that the "process" be one of mutual agreement and mutual respect out of deference to God, the giver of all life, and that we agree to begin the "process" by agreeing to be guided by the noblest and most soul fulfilling "values" in each of our respective cultures, American and Hawaiian, and be guided accordingly to give meaning to Public Law 103-150. Since the "Hawaiian people invented Hawaiian culture" (Dr. Ramon Lopez-Reyes, see vol. 18 no. 1, **Hawaii Bar Journal** 1-23:1983; **The Demise of the Hawaiian Kingdom: A Psycho-cultural Analysis and Moral Legacy (Something Lost, Something Owed)**) it would be a most pleasing task for us kanaka maoli, who are not addicted to the American paradigm of power and more power at the expense of our souls, to compile a list of such Hawaiian cultural values, to be exchanged with a list of your American values from your American culture, and from there, make every effort to build a proper foundation for "reconciliation", the mandate of the American people through its political voice, the Congress of the United States.

Since three (3) minutes is an exact mandate, I will close by suggesting that you consider reading Dr. Lopez-Reyes' excellent analysis above and I hope that you will

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allow yourself to mentally and spiritually feel what we have felt for more than a 100 years.

**(c) My testimony on the two (2) "issue areas" for December 11, 1999, is as follows:**

It is in my mana'o (opinion) that the issue of a "Reconciliation Process" and the issue of a "Political Relationship" should be given our best mutual efforts and in order to exert and assert the best of ourselves, I honestly believe that success will only be achieved by the use of non-legal standards, non American judicial precedents, and non pre-determined formats or definition of terms which are not mutually agreeable to both you and Mr. Van Norman, as the representatives of the United States, and us kanaka maoli who are not puppets of the federal and or the state governments which occupy our homeland without our consent, without authority of international law, and in violation of your own contracts, agreements and treaties with the Hawaiian Kingdom, the United Nations Charter, and the rules of fair-play.

**I reject your "proclamation" that the issue of Reconciliation...and self-determination and ceded-lands should be addressed within the framework of federal law. (Page 2 of your "News" release, first full paragraph)**

You and Mr. Van Norman, as the voice of the American people and the scouts of the United States, have a unique opportunity to create a new universal image of the United States by allowing your souls to become one with your mind and your hearts and until you, as individual human beings, believe that only good can result from your willingness to truly learn as much as you can from our culture, a culture which existed maybe a thousand years before your forefathers decided to leave the British Empire and to come and to take over the lands and resources of the indigenous people already living there, there can never be a true, bona-fide "reconciliation".

I believe that your mandate of three (3) minutes is up.

'O wau iho no, W. Ko'omealani Amona, kanaka maoli; native Hawaiian; loio.

